Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

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Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting

- Monday, Oct. 1, 2012
  7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
  Mira Mesa Senior Center
  8460 Mira Mesa Blvd

Agenda:

- Mira Mesa School Cluster
- Assembly candidate RJ Hernandez

Business of the Month:

- Sandwich Emporium

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Mira Mesa DAR Midyear Progress Update

By Gustavo Dallardo
Corridor Director

After watching this summer's Olympics, we can't help but say that we continue to go for the gold to make the I-15 Express Lanes a model of convenient transportation choices.

Our efforts so far, most notably, the completion of the Express Lanes, have helped speed commutes and earned multiple construction awards. Recently, this project was awarded "Project of the Year" by the California Transportation Foundation (CTF) at the 23rd Annual Excellence in Transportation Awards.

More people are also taking advantage of the Express Lanes thanks to a recent successful FasTrak promotion. FasTrak allows solo drivers to use the 20 miles of Express Lanes for a fee. The lanes are also open to carpools, vanpools, public transit, motorcyclists, and permitted clean air vehicles for free.

Simulation of the Miramar College Transit Station in Mira Mesa.

This summer, many key complementary projects went into construction. These include improving the Del Lago and Rancho Bernardo Transit Stations, and building the Mira Mesa Direct Access Ramp (DAR) and the Miramar College Transit Station.

More shelters. More signs. More bus bays. Better amenities. That is the goal. Beginning this summer, a brand new transit station is under construction and others are being improved to capitalize on the I-15 Express Lanes system.

In July, construction began

*(See **CalTrans** on page 9)*

RSVP Looking For a Few Senior Recruits

By Pat Clark
RSVP board member

Where were you in 1994? Scripps Ranch and Mira Mesa formed the Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch Senior Volunteer Patrol. From that small group, we have grown to 50 members. Since then we have logged 177,384 hours! To quote sportscaster Dick Enberg, "Oh My!!" We still need more volunteers to carry on this wonderful tradition of serving our community — people helping people. We make house calls on senior citizens who may be living along (YANA — You Are Not Alone), home checks for vacationers, cruising the neighborhoods and shopping centers looking for unusual activity, and, most of all, just "being around" to show our presence.

How can you join? You must have a valid California Driver's License, be 50 years or older, retired or semiretired, go complete a background check, spend one week at an academy learning what to do and what not to do, and donate only 3 ½ days a month.

Please contact John Sunde, RSVP Administrator, at (858) 538-8156 or jsunde@pd.sandiego.gov to join this important community organization. Our community needs your help.

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President's Message for October

Another street fair is behind us! And what a fabulous event it truly was. Despite the scorching weather, thousands came out to enjoy the event. We were completely sold out of booths and every square inch of ride and exhibition space was spoken for.

Many thanks to the multitude of volunteers who made this year's event possible. And while the space here does not allow me to mention everyone, I must cite a few. First, as I said on the Community Stage at the Street Fair, "… the engine that makes the Street Fair go is the Mira Mesa High School Air Force Junior ROTC". This year we had 206 volunteers in attendance lending their willing hands to every possible aspect of the Street Fair.

The Street Fair Committee, headed by Jeffry Stevens, the MMTC Treasurer, was spectacular. Something that few see is the many months of planning, coordination, and hard work that have to take place before the Street Fair to make it all possible. Here are the names of those who served on this year's committee.

- Bradley Buffet
- Donna Carter
- Christina Keene
- Jon Labaw
- Barbara Lorrigan
- Brandy Ludwick
- Richie Ludwick
- John Malo
- Alexander Nguyen
- Jerry Ollinger
- Ray Pinnock
- Ernie Schnepf
- Pam Stevens
- Jeff Stevens

Many thanks to all of these fine people for their hard work and dedication to their community.

Last, but most certainly not least are the Street Fair Sponsors. Sponsors are the fuel for that engine I mentioned earlier. Their generous contributions make it possible to put on such an extravaganza. We sincerely appreciate their donations of cash, food, and supplies. Sponsors are divided into four levels based on the amount of their participation with the diamond level being the highest. Our sponsors this year are:

DIAMOND
- Vulcan Materials Company Western Division
- Garden Communities

EMERALD
- Hanson Heidelberg Cement Group
- Chick-Fil-A
- Mira Mesa Living

RUBY
- Gen-Probe
- Mira Mesa Office and Medical Mall
- Sandwich Emporium
- Vons Stores
- Homeland Petroleum
- Ray Pinnock DJ & Music

SAPPHIRE
- Callahan's

We cannot thank these outstand contributors enough for their generous support.

So, onward. This month's meeting will feature the principals of our nine Mira Mesa Schools. Don't miss it!

Despite Heat, Street Fair was Still a Success

By Jeff Stevens

The 14th annual Mira Mesa Street Fair was held on a very hot Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012. In spite of the heat, a good time was had by all. We had nearly 140 vendors providing food, crafts and information about nonprofit groups and businesses. Entertainment filled both stages all day long. The Scripps Mesa District Boy Scouts set up a Scout Village behind the Mira Mesa Library, showcasing camping skills and equipment.

Our current councilmember Carl DeMaio and our future councilmember Lorie Zapf came to the noon ceremony, and many of our other elected officials and candidates for office were at the event during the day. Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher even volunteered to be the first person dunked in the dunk tank sponsored by the Mira Mesa High Water Polo team.

I want to thank the hard working Mira Mesa Town Council Street Fair committee – this event takes a lot of work and the committee performed exceptionally. I also want to thank the Mira Mesa High School AFJROTC students, who help us all day long. Our vendors are always very complimentary about their enthusiasm and the help they provide, and it would be difficult to put on this event without them.

Carroll Canyon Road Extension Halfway There

The $69.6 million project will bring long-awaited congestion relief to the Sorrento Valley area by creating more efficient access to and from the freeway for area residents and commuters. Scheduled to open to traffic in the spring of 2013, the project adds approximately two miles of new High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV), or carpool lanes, in each direction along Interstate 805 (I-805) from Interstate 5 to Carroll Canyon Road, offering new transportation choices for travelers.

The HOV lanes will be open to carpoolers, vanpoolers, buses, motorcycles and permitted zero emission vehicles. Carpoolers will have direct access to the HOV lanes from a new northerly Direct Access Ramp. The Direct Access Ramp will connect Carroll Canyon Road directly to the HOV lanes in the center median, allowing users to enter without having to navigate through the freeway's general purpose lanes. The project will also extend Carroll Canyon Road to connect with Sorrento Valley Road and surrounding businesses.

The I-805 HOV/Carroll Canyon Road Extension Project is one piece of the broader North Coast Corridor (NCC) Program of projects from north San Diego to Oceanside that includes highway, coastal rail and transit, and environment and coastal access improvements

A lot has been accomplished since construction began in March 2011 on the I-805 HOV/Carroll Canyon Road Extension Project including:

- Paving of the HOV lanes on I-805;
- Completing all but one of the columns for the Carroll Canyon Road Bridge;
- Paving 50 percent of Carroll Canyon Road Bridge deck;
- Grading and paving of westbound lanes of Mira Mesa Boulevard and Sorrento Valley Road widening; and
- Beginning excavation and construction of the Direct Access Ramp.

What's Coming Up?

Over the next several weeks we anticipate:

- Placing concrete median barriers, signage and lighting on I-805;
- Finishing work on the Carroll Canyon Road Bridge;
- Continuing work on the Direct Acces Ramp;
- Continuing work on widening Mira Mesa Boulevard and Sorrento Valley Road; and
- Beginning work on a retaining wall on the south side of Carroll Canyon Road near Scranton Road.

Project map of the Carroll Canyon Road Extension Project.

Help Choose Book Group Titles for 2012-2013

By Pam Stevens

When a 30-year ban was lifted in November 1960, Foyle's Bookshop in London sold 300 copies of what novel in the first 15 minutes?

Hint: The book isn't *Fanny Hill*, by William Cleland, nor Vladimir Nabokov's *Lolita* or Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer*, other well-known "banned book" titles. Those – and other banned or challenged classics from *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee to John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* to Aristophanes' *Lysistrata* – are titles the Mira Mesa Banned Book Club has previously discussed, along with other thought-provoking books that group members have recommended. The group has not yet discussed this title, so it might be among those chosen this Tuesday, Oct. 2, for discussion in coming months. This fall the book group is starting its ninth year. All interested readers are encouraged to join in the book selection!

The Mira Mesa Banned Book Club's annual title selection meeting will take place Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mira Mesa Library, 8405 New Salem St. No advance reading required for this meeting! Come prepared to suggest any titles you'd enjoy reading and talking about, and/or to vote and help choose the titles the group will discuss.

The monthly book group, open to all interested readers, focuses on reading and discussing books that have been banned or challenged (meaning someone filed a formal complaint

*(See **Book** on page 9)*

Being 'Earnest' in Mira Mesa, Classic Comedy Being Mounted

By Pam Stevens

Enjoy the Mira Mesa Theatre Guild production of Oscar Wilde's classic satire of Victorian society, "The Importance of Being Earnest," directed by Tim Arends, at the Wangenheim Middle School theatre, Oct. 12 – 27, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm.

"The Importance of Being Earnest," first produced in 1895, is subtitled "A Trivial Comedy for Serious People." It's a witty play whose characters speak to each other in fast-paced exchanges of epigrams. (For some quotations, see http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/649216-the-importance-of-being-earnest-a-serious-comedy-for-trivial-people?page=1)

The plot revolves around two young men-about-town, John "Jack" Worthing, and his friend, Algernon (Algy) Moncrieff, the imaginary characters they create, and the young women in their lives. Jack is in love with Algernon's cousin, Gwendolen Fairfax. Algernon, Gwen and her mother, the formidable Lady Bracknell, know Jack as "Ernest," his assumed name in London. In the country, where Jack's ward, the heiress Cecily Cardew, lives with her governess, Miss Prism, Jack pretends "Ernest" is his brother in London. Having discovered Jack's secret, Algy goes to the country, claiming to be Jack's brother "Ernest" when he woos Cecily. Both young women are inordinately enamored with the name. A comedy of mistaken identity ensues when Cecily and Gwendolen meet, each declaring she is the one engaged to "Ernest!"

"The Importance of Being Earnest" offers lively dialogue and a plot that's fun for all ages, a play families can enjoy together. According to author Oscar Wilde, the play's theme is: "That we should treat all trivial things in life very seriously, and all serious things of life with a sincere and studied triviality."

Director Tim Arends, a Mira Mesa resident who directed the successful Mira Mesa Theatre Guild productions of "Greetings" in December 2011 and "Greater Tuna" in spring 2012, has assembled a talented cast and crew for "The Importance of Being Earnest." The cast includes:

- John "Jack" Worthing — Ryan Mudd
- Algernon Moncrieff — Geoffrey Lizar
- Gwendolen Fairfax — Erin Mudd
- Cecily Cardew — Katie Hinckley
- Lady Bracknell — Sally Stockton
- Miss Prism — Pati Dick-

*(See **Earnest** on page 9)*

San Diego School Board President

Mira Mesa Schools Off to a Good Start for New School Year

By John Lee Evans
San Diego School Board President

We have great news for the start of our school year. Our scores on state tests have risen significantly over the past four years. At Mira Mesa High, for example, over the past four years we have seen an improvement of 25 percent more students proficient in English language arts and 44 percent more students proficient in math. Challenger Middle School and Sandburg Elementary are just two of the schools in Mira Mesa that are on a list of high achieving schools. In 2012, 82 percent of the students at both schools are now at the advanced or proficient level in English language arts.

There are many more examples of success in Mira Mesa. Of course, these scores show only a small part of the success of our full curriculum, including music and the arts, technology and career tech programs. Mira Mesa schools also have great character education and physical fitness programs.

These improvements are due to two simple "reforms" instituted by the Board of Education: 1) Keeping the teachers we need in the classroom over the last four years. Last summer our teachers agreed to concessions that returned 1,500 teachers to our classrooms. 2) Getting out of the way of the teachers. We let our teachers collaborate with each other and strategize as to the best way to teach our students. In Mira Mesa we also have stellar principals who lead their teams. Mira Mesa High School staff has been given greater flexibility in its academic programs as a result of a special agreement with the district. This was granted due to its proven success and the ability of all stakeholders to work so well together.

Our public schools are worth the investment. In these hard economic times we are still improving our schools. Our community can see the results of the investment we have all made. Many thanks to our teachers and staff, as well as all of the dedicated parent and community volunteers.

Halloween Celebrations Abound for Kids of All Ages

By Pam Stevens

Even with the absence of Monster Manor this year, some Halloween fun, though not as scary, can still be had this October in Mira Mesa.

Parents and grandparents, bring can your kids or grandkids to the Mira Mesa Community Halloween Carnival on Friday, Oct. 26, from 4:30 to 6:30pm at the Mira Mesa Recreation Center, 8575 New Salem Street. Children can enjoy carnival-style games, trick-or-treat, a costume contest for ages 11 and under, face painting by the Mira Mesa Theatre Guild, and more. The costume contest will take place at 5:30 p.m. for ages 4 years and under; at 5:45 p.m. for ages 5 - 7 years; and at 6 p.m. for ages 8 -11 years.

Bring the family and have a "howling good time!" This free community event is sponsored by the Mira Mesa Recreation Council, organized by volunteer Chuck Sweet with the assistance of Park & Recreation staff and other volunteers. Questions? Call the Recreation Center, (858) 538-8122

The Lopez Ridge Recreation Center will hold a free Halloween Carnival for pre-school-age children on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a costume contest for children age 3 to 6, with the contest for children age 3-4 years old at 11:30 a.m. and for ages 5 - 6 years old at 11:45 a.m. Parents or grandparents, bring your kids and join the fun! The Lopez Ridge Recreation Center is located at 7245 Calle Cristobal. Questions? Call the center at 538-8171.

Several Mira Mesa elementary schools are also planning a variety of fall festivals at the end of October. Here's a round-up of schools and dates: Hickman Elementary School will hold its "Halloween Bash" starting at 5 p.m. Oct. 25. Ericson, Hage, and Sandburg Elementary School will all hold their fall festivals the evening of Friday, Oct. 26. Walker Elementary School will hold its Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 27, from noon to 3 p.m. Call your child's elementary school office for more details.

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild will do face painting at Mira Mesa Community Halloween Carnival

Mira Mesan Runner-Up at Miss Greater San Diego Teen Pageant

Morgan Sibley, Miss Mira Mesa Teen, won first runner up at the annual Miss Greater San Diego Teen USA and Miss Greater San Diego USA 2013 Pageants. The event was held at the Joan B. Kroc Theater of Performing Arts on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012. Miss Greater San Diego USA is the preliminary to the Miss California USA and Miss California Teen USA Pageants, contestants age 13-26 compete. Areas of competition included swimsuit, evening gown, on stage interview and personal interview.

The event mistresses of ceremonies were Ashley Acala, Miss Greater San Diego USA 2010 and Alexis Swanstrom, Miss Greater Teen San Diego USA 2010. Out going Miss Greater San Diego Teen USA is Cassidy Marie Wolf and Out going Miss Greater San Diego USA is Mabelynn Capeluj.

Miss Greater San Diego Teen USA and court:

- Gigi Gauthier- Miss Greater San Diego Teen USA
- Morgan Sibley- 1st Runner Up
- Corinne Sivak - 2nd Runner Up
- Andrea Proctor- 3rd Runner Up
- Taylor Cassady- 4th Runner Up
- Makenna Barnes - Toni Peters Scholarship Awar

Miss Greater San Diego USA and court:

- Sierra Billock- Miss Greater San Diego USA
- Tommy Lynn Calhoun- 1st Runner Up
- Shannon Monaghan - 2nd Runner Up & Toni Peters Scholarship Award
- Lizeth Olivas- 3rd Runner Up
- Kristen Yoon- 4th Runner Up

All good things, however, must come to an end and it is time to start looking forward to the Miss/Miss Teen Mira Mesa 2013 Pageant. The pageant will take place on the first Saturday of February at the Mira Mesa Country Inn and Suites located in western Mira Mesa.

Winners will get the chance to represent Mira Mesa in events throughout San Diego, receive a scholarship to use towards their continued education, the entry fee to the next level pageant (if they choose to participate) and various other gifts donated by community businesses.

Pique your interest yet? Applications are due Dec. 20, 2012 and are available at the Mira Mesa Town Council website, miramesatowncouncil.org.

Questions can be directed to pageant coordinator Maria at mgpankau@hotmail.com, be sure to write "Miss/Miss Teen" on the subject line.

Morgan Sibley (green dress, second from right) at the Miss Greater San Diego Teen USA pageant. *Photo courtesy of Jay Renard*

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild's "The Importance of Being Earnest" at Wangenheim, Oct. 12-27.

Events of Interest

- **Oct. 12 — "The Important of Being Earnest," Wangenheim, 7:30pm**
- **Oct. 20 — Literature Comes to Life: Act out "The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything" with Stacey Wein, Mira Mesa Library, 11 am**
- **Oct. 26, Halloween Carnival, Mira Mesa Rec Center, 4:30pm**
- **Oct. 31, Halloween Face Painting (Pre-Registration required), Mira Mesa Library, 6:30pm**

October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Mira Mesa Town Council – 7pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center	2 Golden Friends – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center	3 Mira Mesa Homework Helpers – 6 pm, Mira Mesa Library	4	5	6 Story Time & Craft – 11 am, Mira Mesa Library Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library
7	8 Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors – 6pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center	9 Golden Friends – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center Mira Mesa Women's Club – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center Friends of the Library – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Library Recreation Council – 7 pm, Lopez Ridge Rec Center Black Mountain Masonic Lodge #845 F.& A.M. – 7:30 pm, Scottish Rites Center	10 Line Dance – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch – 6:30 am, Mimi's Restaurant Exchange Club of San Diego – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Restaurant Mira Mesa Homework Helpers – 6 pm, Mira Mesa Library	11	12 Khanh's Drawing Class – 4 pm, Mira Mesa Library Importance of Being Earnest – 7:30 pm, Wangenheim Middle School	13 Story Time & Craft – 11 am, Mira Mesa Library Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library Importance of Being Earnest – 7:30 pm, Wangenheim Middle School
14	15 Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – 7 pm, Vulcan Materials Office, 7220 Trade St, Suite 205	16 Golden Friends – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center	17 Line Dance – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library Exchange Club of San Diego – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Restaurant Mira Mesa Banner District – 6:30 pm, location TBD Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant	18 Sr Center Board of Governors – 2 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center Mira Mesa Theatre Guild – 6 pm, location varies Community Pride – 6:30 pm, call for location Black Mountain Democratic Club – 7 pm, Mesa Village Rec Hall 1	19 Khanh's Drawing Class – 4 pm, Mira Mesa Library Importance of Being Earnest – 7:30 pm, Wangenheim Middle School	20 Story Time & Craft – 11 am, Mira Mesa Library Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library Importance of Being Earnest – 7:30 pm, Wangenheim Middle School
21	22	23 Golden Friends – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center	24 Line Dance – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant	25 Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce – Mixer, 6 pm, see website for location	26 Khanh's Drawing Class – 4 pm, Mira Mesa Library Halloween Carnival — 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Rec Center Importance of Being Earnest – 7:30 pm, Wangen-	27 Story Time & Craft – 11 am, Mira Mesa Library Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library Importance of Being Earnest – 7:30 pm, Wangen-
28	29 Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council - 6 pm, Mira Mesa High School Media Room	30 Golden Friends – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center Banned Book Club – 6:45 pm, Mira Mesa Library	31 **HALLOWEEN** Line Dance – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library			

Minutes From Last Month's General Membership Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes from the September meeting, by acclamation

TREASURER'S REPORT — Jeff Stevens

- 4th of July will Account $715
- Street Fair Account $31,915
- Checking Account $12,355
- Savings Account $16,252

NO FIRST RESPONDER REPORTS —

- Mira Mesa resident and past MMTC Board Member Alan Philpot announced that he witnessed a neighborhood disturbance that led to a stabbing. He formally requested more police patrolling. It was recommended to him by Ted Brengel and some RSVP members to contact Officer Susan Steffan SDPD Community Relations

PRESENTATION — John Leppert Architect of the Casa Mira View project located on the west side of I-15 and north of Mira Mesa Blvd.

- These are upscale apartments
- The current large structure is the parking facility
- This is a phase by phase project
- 200 units scheduled for completion December 2012
- John Leppert and other project coordinators answered questions from the audience

CANDIDATE FORUM — School Board Candidates Mark Powell and Dr. John Lee Evans both of District A introduced themselves and presented their background, qualifications, values and vision for the San Diego Unified School District. They answered questions from the audience.

MISS TEEN MIRA MESA — Recognition and congratulations to Miss Teen Mira Mesa, Morgan Sibley who came in runner-up in the Miss Teen Greater San Diego Pageant competition. It was noted by Sandy Smith, who attended the competition, that Morgan exhibited outstanding presentation skills.

SCHOOL BOARD — John Lee Evans

- Gave us an update status on the construction of Jonas Salk Elementary School. The goal is to get the school built before October 28, 2014 that is Dr. Salk's 100th birthday. September 28th to October 15, 2012 obtain permits, February 13, 2013 publish bid, May 13, 2013 awarding bid, sometime in 2014 start construction, complete construction before October 28, 2014.

COUNCILMEMBER CARL DEMAIO — John Ly

- Fielded questions from the audience.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR PAM SLATER-PRICE — Steven Hadley

- Made some safety, health and agriculture announcements. He fielded questions from the audience. Steven Hadley fielded questions from the audience.

COMMUNITY GROUPS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (www.miramesatheatreguild.org) — Pam Stevens announced the performance of the play The Importance of Being Earnest a comedy by Oscar Wilde at Wangenheim Middle School the last three weeks of October. October 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 7:30pm. Tickets are $15 general admission, $12 seniors/students/military.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Miss Mira Mesa Teen Morgan Sibley

State Assembly Candidate Ruben 'RJ' Hernandez.

Meet the Candidate: Ruben 'RJ' Hernandez

Ruben "RJ" Hernandez is running for State Assembly district 77, the seat currently held by Nathan Fletcher, who is termed out. Hernandez is running against former Mira Mesa councilman Brian Maienschein. He will be at the October Town Council meeting.

Hernandez is the classic California success story. His grandfather was a Korean War veteran and he instilled a strong sense of duty and respect into Hernandez's character. Brought up by two conservative, blue-collar middle-class parents, he learned the importance of a good work ethic. He is the first in his family to attend university, graduating in the top tier and was the commencement speaker.

Hernandez holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with an emphasis in business management from the University of California, Riverside. He has also studied abroad at the University of Sussex. His first job was a government job, helping people to secure work. He has worked his way up from laborer to senior management. Before graduating college, he was hired as the youngest regional sales manager for a construction company. Through his hard work, he became the youngest vice president at another firm.

Hernandez is in his early thirties and has traveled the world, built businesses, experienced home ownership and has lived the American Dream. Now his goal is to help others define and experience their American Dream. Today, he helps others facilitate the creation of businesses and bringing new ideas to fruition.

He and his fiancée live in the northern part of the district.

Unscientific Poll Places Mira Mesa Second in Marital Affairs

Mira Mesa is the second least faithful neighborhood in San Diego, according to a highly unscientific poll by a dating website.

AshleyMadison.com, the dating site designed for those who are already in relationships reveals San Diego's least faithful neighborhoods. According to new data regarding San Diego's membership per capita, the most affair seekers live in Carmel Valley, with Mira Mesa and Downtown rounding out the top three. Below is the full list of the top neighborhoods for cheaters, based on San Diego's more than 61,000 members.

Top Neighborhoods for Cheaters in San Diego Per Capita:

1. Carmel Valley
2. Mira Mesa
3. Downtown
4. Mission Hills
5. North Park
6. Normal Heights
7. La Jolla
8. Chula Vista
9. Poway
10. Torrey Pines

The ranking is especially unique considering the high positioning of the predominantly Asian community of Mira Mesa. According to AshleyMadison.com's CEO Noel Biderman, this is not typical of most major cities, though he has seen an increase in the demographic recently.

Theatre Guild Participates in Festival Promoting the Arts

San Diego's month-long celebrations of the arts.

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild will be participating in the second annual Fall for the Arts, the month-long spotlight on the many vibrant arts and cultural activities throughout the region in conjunction with National Arts and Humanities Month.

Fall for the Arts officially kicks off on Friday, Oct. 5, from 5 p.m. to10 p.m., with a free community-wide celebration at Friday Night Liberty at NTC at Liberty Station. The launch will feature free open-art studios, galleries and performances. Enjoy an evening of free dance, art, film, music, food trucks and innovative experiences. For its part, the Theatre Guild will be doing an excerpt from "The Importance of Being Earnest," its fall production.

An added attraction will be Art Boxed SD: A PODS Project, a portable, curated exhibition highlighting local contemporary artists who will create art experiences inside a PODS, Inc. storage container. Attendees will also be able to catch a movie screening of "Girl Walk All Day," dance to DJ-spun music and feast on food truck fare.

The first San Diego Fall for the Arts last year was a one-day party downtown that drew thousands. The idea isn't something new because the rest of the country is honoring the arts and because other cities also have similar programs.

CalTrans: New and improved transit stations coming to Miramar

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on the new Miramar College Transit Station and the Mira Mesa Direct Access Ramp on Hillery Drive, which will connect the community of Mira Mesa to the Express Lanes by way of the DAR. Both projects will be completed in 2014.

Additionally, work is currently underway at the Del Lago and Rancho Bernardo Transit Stations to create more bus staging areas and shelters for travelers.

Construction began in early August and will continue for approximately six months. Temporary parking lots are available for the duration of construction at both stations. For construction progress, visit: KeepSanDiegoMoving.com.

The transit stations are being upgraded to handle the increase in use once the Bus Rapid Transit System (BRT) becomes operational in 2014. This high frequency bus system will be operated by Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) on the Express Lanes.

Other ongoing construction projects along the I-15 include improvements to the I-15/SR 78 interchange and the replacement of the Nordahl Road bridge. Improvements to the Sabre Springs/ Peñasquitos Transit Station will also begin this winter.

We are working hard to create a one-of-a-kind transportation corridor. As always, we thank you for your patience as we continue this work. It is truly a team effort.

Caltrans Corridor Director Gustavo Dallarda, SANDAG Executive Director Gary Gallegos, & Flatiron District Manager Jeff Turner at CTF's 23rd Annual Excellence in Transportation Awards.

Earnest: Collaboration with Wangenheim made show possible

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son-Reynolds

- Rev. Canon Chasuble — Jeff James
- Merriman (Jack's butler) — Lindsay Dickson
- Lane (Algy's butler) — Adam Sheldon

The Mira Mesa Theatre Guild, Mira Mesa's own non-profit community theatre group, thanks Wangenheim Middle School for the opportunity to perform in the Wangenheim Middle School theater. MMTG Board member Teri Ang, co-producer of "The Importance of Being Earnest," did the outreach and has coordinated details with Cassandra Brown, Wangenheim choir, drama and orchestra instructor.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" tickets are $15 for general admission ($12 for students, seniors, or military), available in advance at www.miramesatheatreguild.org or at the door.

Wangenheim's address is 9230 Gold Coast Dr. (at Black Mountain Road), but there is no entrance to the school from Gold Coast. Turn north on Westchester, then right on Dunholme to enter the campus, and continue right to the south end of the lot, near the theatre.

Book: Drop-in participants welcome at library book club

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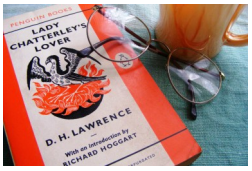
about the book being in a public or school library), as well as other thought-provoking titles that tie into a "freedom to read" theme. The group's book selection meeting occurs during the American Library Association's "Banned Books Week," an annual celebration of the freedom to read. For a list of classic titles that have been banned or challenged somewhere recently or in the past, see: http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned/frequentlychallenged/challengedclassics/reasonsbanned

The group meets regularly on the last Tuesday of the month (except August and December) in the Mira Mesa Library community room from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Social time at 6:30 p.m., discussion of current month's title 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.) Drop-in participants who'd like to talk about a particular month's title are welcome, as well as regular members.

The answer to the question at the start of this article: *Lady Chatterly's Lover*, by D.H. Lawrence.

For further details about the group, email Banned Book Club facilitator Pam Stevens, pstevens@san.rr.com, or call the Mira Mesa Branch Library, 858-538-8165.



DH Lawrence's *Lady Chatterly's Lover* sold 300 copies when the book ban was lifted.

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